

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SEAPORT SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the Seaport Commission Report of the Interagency Commission on Crime and Security in U.S. Seaports, focusing on how to improve security and crime within the United States' port environment, after receiving testimony from Senator Graham; Adm. James M. Loy, U.S. Coast Guard, and Clyde J. Hart, Jr., Maritime Administrator, both of the Department of Transportation; Raymond W. Kelly, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; James K. Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Kurt J. Nagle, American Association of Port Authorities, Alexandria, Virginia; and John Tousseau, International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Washington, D.C.

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues relating to the challenges and barriers faced in obtaining and maintaining affordable health care coverage, including related data from the recent Current Population Survey, the impact of current tax policy, and expanding coverage, after receiving testimony from Robert Garcia de Posada, Hispanic Business Roundtable, Paul Fronstin, Employee Benefit Research Institute, Judith Feder, Georgetown University Public Policy Institute, and Mary R. Greal, Healthcare Leadership Council, all of Washington, D.C.; Sandra Adamson Fryhofer, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal

Medicine; Grace-Marie Arnett, Galen Institute, Alexandria, Virginia; and Sara R. Munro, Burlington, Vermont.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE AND SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings to examine the effects of U.S. Forest Service policies on small businesses and what could be done to improve the agency's management of the forests, receiving testimony from Senators Craig and Thomas; James R. Furnish, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Jim Hurst, Owens and Hurst Lumber Company, Inc., Eureka, Montana; Joel E. Bousman, Boulder, Wyoming, on behalf of the Wyoming Stockgrowers Association; Del Tinsley, Wyoming Livestock Roundup, Casper, on behalf of the University of Wyoming College of Agriculture; Al Bukowsky, Solitude River Trips, Salmon, Idaho; Larry W. Van Tassell, University of Idaho Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, Moscow; and William McKillop, University of California College of Natural Resources, Berkeley.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

ALCOHOL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT IN ALASKA

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the state of alcohol, substance abuse, and related law enforcement problems in Alaska, focusing on the identity and quantity levels of alcohol and illegal drug use in the State, after receiving testimony from Jacqueline Agtuca, Acting Director, Office of Tribal Justice, Department of Justice; Ernie Turner, Alaska Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Juneau; and Julie Kitka, Alaska Federation of Natives, Anchorage.